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HOUSE MEMORIAL 21

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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A MEMORIAL

**OFFERING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' DEEP CONDOLENCES TO THE
FAMILY OF OUR LONG-TIME COLLEAGUE, JERRY BEERS.**

**WHEREAS, Geraldine "Jerry" Beers was born in North Dakota
on November 29, 1930, coming from good Scandinavian stock and
never forgetting her linguistic roots, even after fifty years
in New Mexico; and**

**WHEREAS, Jerry worked in state government for many years,
assisting some of New Mexico's key political figures like Joe
Burse, the state tourism director in the 1950s; Governor Jack
Campbell; David Norvell, former speaker of the house of
representatives and attorney general; Al Romero, former chief
clerk of the house of representatives and state auditor; and
Stephen R. Arias, current chief clerk of the house; and**

WHEREAS, working for the house of representatives each

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1 session for thirty years, Jerry Beers tracked the movement of
2 all legislation in the house and was "The Expert" on the house
3 process, understanding it better than anyone else; and

4 WHEREAS, she kept the nitty-gritty related to bills
5 moving, logging in all messages from the senate, getting all
6 items ready for the floor and answering hundreds of questions a
7 day related to "where is it?"; and

8 WHEREAS, Jerry was the "Queen of Behind-the-Scenes", the
9 lady at the end of the "hot line" who was always able to keep
10 us all on track and provide for the efficient process for which
11 the house is renowned; and

12 WHEREAS, we depended on Jerry's high standard of
13 perfection in carrying out the hands-on functions of the chief
14 clerk's office, which is absolutely essential to the smooth
15 functioning of the legislative process; and

16 WHEREAS, Jerry was always cooperative and willing to
17 assist other legislative agencies and was the source for all
18 information related to house actions; and

19 WHEREAS, Jerry loved her work for the state and the house
20 of representatives and was respected by all who encountered
21 her, be they elected officials or those many, many folks to
22 whom she taught the legislative process and respect for the
23 institution of the legislature; and

24 WHEREAS, she was a willing and enthusiastic proponent of
25 perfection, and her work ethic and standards for the highest

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1 quality work product served as an example for all of us and a
2 goal to which we can all aspire; and

3 WHEREAS, those who knew her will always remember her
4 commitment to the highest ideals of public service, her
5 remarkable ability to get along with and teach people and her
6 dedication to the house of representatives;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
8 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it extend its
9 heartfelt sympathy and condolences to Jerry's husband Don
10 Beers, her daughter Lori Beers-Ashoo and her beloved
11 grandchildren and that it express its gratitude for Jerry's
12 work on behalf of the New Mexico legislature; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the family of Jerry Beers.